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SUBJECT: BALANCE OF SUEZ CANAL CLEARANCE FUNDS HELD IN
NAMRU ACCOUNT

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1. EMBASSY IS CORRECT THAT THERE IS NO WAY NAMRU COULD BE
GIVEN AUTHORIZATION TO USE LOCAL CURRENCY RESIDUE OF SUEZ
CANAL CLEARANCE FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION NEW BIOMEDICAL RE-
SEARCH LABORATORY BUILDING. THERE CAN BE NO CONNECTION
BETWEEN THE TWO.

2. LOCAL CURRENCY FUND FOR NAMRU REPRESENTS A U.S. USE.
THEREFORE, UNDER EXISTING POLICY AND PRACTICE, FUNDS FOR
THIS PURPOSE CANNOT BE ALLOCATED BY OMB, BUT WOULD HAVE TO
BE APPROPRIATED BY THE CONGRESS.

3. DEFENSE INFORMS DEPARTMENT IT PLANS TELEGRAPHIC REPLY
ADVISING NAMRU IT SHOULD SUBMIT LOCAL CURRENCY REQUIREMENT
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THIS PURPOSE PROMPTLY TO NAVY DEPARTMENT TO BE CONSIDERED

FOR INCLUSION IN BUDGET PRESENTATION NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT FOR THE DEFENSE SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM APPROPRIATION.

4. AID AND NAVY CONCUR THIS POSITION. ROBINSON

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